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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1.   (Original)   A server system connectable to a network, comprising:

a database of certificate of insurance related information;

program code operable to receive security information and insurance policy information regarding at least one insured party;

program code operable to store said security information and said insurance policy information regarding said at least one insured party in said database;

program code operable to receive a request for a certificate of insurance with regard to said insurance policy information;

program code operable to perform a security check with regard to said request for said certificate of insurance, said security check including at least one security procedure defined by said security information regarding said insured party; and

program code for issuing a certificate of insurance in response to said request in the event that said security check succeeds.

2. (Original) The server system of claim 1, wherein said security procedure requires a password to enter said server system in order to request a certificate associated with said insured party, and wherein said security information includes said password, and wherein said security check includes program code for receiving a password from a certificate requester and comparing said received password with said password within said security information.

3. (Original) The server system of claim 2, wherein said security procedure requires approval of certificates associated with said

insured party, wherein said security information indicates an approving party, and wherein said security check includes program code for sending an electronic message to said approving party, said electronic message including a proposed certificate to be issued in association with said insured party.

4. (Original) The server system of claim 3, wherein said security check further includes program code for receiving a reply to said electronic message from said approving party, and for determining that said security check succeeds in response to said reply to said electronic message.

5. (Original) The server system of claim 4, wherein said proposed certificate in said electronic message is modifiable by said approving party.

6. (Original) A method for issuing certificates of insurance over a computer network, comprising:

receiving security information and insurance policy information regarding at least one insured party;

storing said security information and said insurance policy information regarding said at least one insured party in a database of certificate of insurance related information;

receiving a request for a certificate of insurance with regard to said insurance policy information;

performing a security check with regard to said request for said certificate of insurance, said security check including performing at least one security procedure defined by said security information regarding said insured party; and

issuing a certificate of insurance in response to said request in the event that said security check succeeds.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein said security procedure requires a password to enter a server system in order to request a certificate associated with said insured party, and wherein said security information includes said password, and further comprising:

receiving a password from a certificate requester; and comparing said received password with said password within said security information.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein said security procedure requires approval of certificates associated with said insured party, wherein said security information indicates an approving party, and further comprising sending an electronic message to said approving party, said electronic message including a proposed certificate to be issued in association with said insured party.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising:

receiving a reply to said electronic message from said approving party; and

determining that said security check succeeds in response to said reply to said electronic message.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein said proposed certificate in said electronic message is modifiable by said approving party.

11.   (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ server system of claim 1 ~~connectable to a network,~~ comprising:

~~a database of certificate of insurance related information;~~

program code for receiving ~~at~~ insurance type information related to a requested certificate;

program code for receiving text to be entered into a remarks box within said requested certificate; and

program code for forming a complete sentence reflecting said insurance type information, information stored in said database of certificate of insurance related information and said received text to be entered into a remarks box within said requested certificate, and for entering said complete sentence into said remarks box within said requested certificate.

12. (Original) The server system of claim 11, wherein said program code for forming a complete sentence is responsive to whether or not any text was entered into said remarks box within said requested certificate.

13. (Original) The server system of claim 11, wherein said program code for forming a complete sentence is responsive to a selected one of a plurality of items listed within a pull down menu.

14. (Original) The server system of claim 13, wherein said pull down menu is one of a plurality of pull down menus, wherein each of said plurality of pull down menus is associated with an insurance type.

15. A The method of claim 6 ~~for generating a certificate of insurance through a Web site,~~ comprising:

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~~receiving security information and insurance policy information regarding at least one insured party;~~

~~storing said security information and said insurance policy information regarding said at least one insured party in a database of certificate of insurance related information;~~

receiving insurance type information related to a requested certificate;

receiving text to be entered into a remarks box within said requested certificate;

forming a complete sentence reflecting said insurance type information, said information stored in said database of certificate of insurance related information and said received text to be entered into a remarks box within said requested certificate; and

entering said complete sentence into said remarks box within said requested certificate.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein said step of forming said complete sentence is responsive to a determination of whether or not any text was entered into said remarks box within said requested certificate.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein said step of forming said complete sentence is further responsive to a selected one of a plurality of items listed within a pull down menu.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein said pull down menu is one of a plurality of pull down menus, wherein each of said plurality of pull down menus is associated with an insurance type.

19. ~~A~~ The server system of claim 1 ~~connectable to a network,~~ comprising:

program code for providing a producer interface that permits a user to indicate an insured and that includes a list of insurance types, and for permitting said user to select at least one of said list of insurance types;

program code for associating said insured with said at least one type of insurance; and

program code for providing a requestor interface that displays only the selected at least one type of insurance to a requestor in response to the association of the insured with the at least one type of insurance.

20. (Previously Presented) The server system of claim 19, further comprising:

wherein said program code for providing said producer interface is further operable to input a selected minimum and maximum number of cancellation days;

program code for associating the minimum and maximum number of cancellation days with the insured;

wherein said program code for providing said requestor interface further includes program code for inputting a requested number of cancellation days;

program code for comparing said requested number of cancellation days with said minimum and maximum number of cancellation days in response to said association of said insured with said minimum and maximum number of cancellation days; and

program code for generating an error message to said requestor interface in the event that said requested number of cancellation days is outside said minimum and maximum number of cancellation days.

21. (Previously Presented) The server system of claim 19, further comprising:

wherein said program code for providing said producer interface further includes program code for inputting an indication that the words "Endeavor to" may be omitted from a cancellation clause in a certificate associated with the insured;

program code for associating said indication with said insured; and

wherein said program code for providing said requestor interface further includes program code, responsive to the association of said indication with said insured, for preventing

removal of the words "Endeavor to" in a cancellation clause of a requested certificate of insurance associated with said insured.

22. (Previously Presented) The server system of claim 19, further comprising:

wherein said program code for providing said producer interface further comprises program code for presenting a list of insurance options that includes general liability additional insured, general liability lessor additional insured, general liability vendor's additional insured, automobile comprehensive, automobile collision, automobile additional insured, automobile loss payee, other additional insured, other loss payee and other mortgagee, and for permitting indication of at least one of said list of insurance options;

program code for associating said indicated at least one of said insurance options with said insured; and

wherein said program code for providing said requestor interface includes program code, responsive to said association of said indicated at least one of said insurance options with said insured, for displaying only said indicated at least one of said insurance options.

23. (Previously Presented) The server system of claim 19, further

comprising:

wherein said program code for providing said producer

interface further comprises program code for inputting a revised

additional insured wording to be included in a certificate of

insurance for said insured;

program code for associating said revised wording with said

insured; and

wherein said program code for providing said requestor

interface further comprises program code for inserting said

revised wording into a certificate of insurance responsive to a

indication of an additional insured option within said requestor

interface.

24. (Previously Presented) The server system of claim 19, further

comprising:

wherein said program code for providing said producer

interface further includes program code for inputting an

indication that approval is required;

program code for associating said indication with an insured;

and

wherein said program code for providing said requestor

interface further includes program code for generating a request

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for approval in response to said association of said indication with said insured.

25. (Previously Presented) The server system of claim 24, further comprising:

wherein said program code for providing said producer interface further comprises program code for indicating an approver party;

program code for associating said approver party with said insured; and

wherein said program code for providing said requestor interface further includes program code for sending said generated request for approval to said approver party.

26. (Previously Presented) The server system of claim 25, wherein said generated request for approval includes an electronic message transmitted to said approver party, and wherein said request for approval further enables said approver party to view, change and approve a requested certificate of insurance.

27. (Previously Presented) The server system of claim 19, further comprising:

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program code operable to construct a sentence by combining a number of predetermined phrases in response to selection through said requestor interface of at least one insurance characteristic, wherein said sentence is entered in a text field appearing on a requested certificate of insurance.

28. (Previously Presented) The server system of claim 27, further comprising:

program code operable to prevent certain predetermined words from being inserted through said requestor interface from appearing on said requested certificate of insurance.

29. (Previously Presented) A server system connectable to a network, comprising:

program code for providing a registered party interface, wherein said registered party interface is operable to input a first set of insurance requirements for a job;

program code for associating said first set of insurance requirements with said job;

program code for providing a requestor interface, wherein said requestor interface is operable to display said first set of insurance requirements for said job in response to said association of said first set of insurance requirements and said

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job, wherein said requestor interface is further operable to input

insurance policy information; and

program code for comparing said insurance policy information

with said first set of insurance requirements, and for generating

a certificate of insurance within a message to a first registered

party including the results of said comparison.

30. (Previously Presented) The server system of claim 29, further

comprising:

program code for storing said insurance policy information in

association with said insured;

wherein said program code operable to provide said requestor

interface is further operable to input an identifier associated

with said insured; and

program code, responsive to receipt of said identifier

associated with said insured and said association of said

insurance policy information with said insured, for automatically

comparing said insurance policy information with said insurance

requirements, and for generating a certificate of insurance within

a message to a registered party including the results of said

comparison.

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31. (Previously Presented) The server system of claim 29, further comprising:

program code for storing said insurance policy information in association with an insured;

wherein said program code operable to provide said requestor interface is further operable to input an identifier associated with said insured; and

program code, responsive to receipt of said identifier associated with said insured and said association of said insurance policy information with said insured, for:

a. automatically comparing said insurance policy information with a second set of insurance requirements for generating a certificate of insurance; and

b. providing results of said comparison of said insurance policy information with said second set of insurance requirements within an electronic mail message to a second registered party associated with said second set of insurance requirements.

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32. (Previously Presented) The server system of claim 31, wherein

said program code, responsive to receipt of said identifier

associated with said insured and said association of said

insurance policy information with said insured, is further

operable to generate a certificate of insurance to a third party

using said insurance policy information.